

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
of the Proposed Revision of the Federally Enforceable State Operating
Permit for
Curtis Metal Finishing Company in Machesney Park

Curtis Metal Finishing Company has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency revise the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its coating operations located at 9917 North Alpine in Machesney Park. The operating permit is being revised to allow the use of compliant coatings in the facility's coating lines without the use of the facility's thermal oxidizer for control. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination to issue a permit to the facility and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight April 29, 2006. If sufficient interest is expressed in a permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, FESOP, Revision). These documents and the application may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 N. Main in Rockford, 815/987-7750 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.